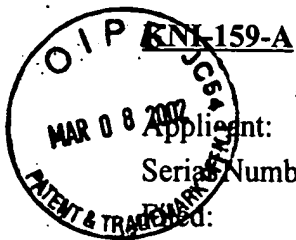


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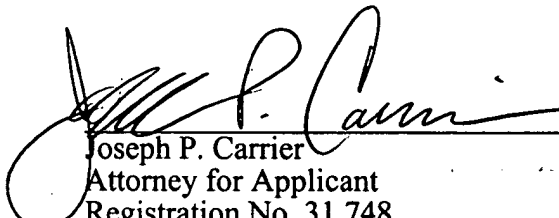
In connection with the above-identified application, and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, §1.97, §1.98 and MPEP §609, applicant encloses herewith a copy of the reference listed on the attached form PTO/SP/08A, for consideration by the Examiner.

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Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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